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CANADA.

Smallpox in province of Quebec.

MONTREAL, April 21, 1899.

SIR: The province is clear of smallpox since April 5. Final result is as follows:

Municipality.	County.	Population.	Date of outbreak.	New cases since last report. (a)	Total cases since outbreak.	Died.	Recovered.	Still sick.	Houses infected since outbreak.	Houses still infected (b).
Coteau du Lac	Soulanges.....	1,276	Dec. 10	0	5	0	5	0	1	0
Coteau Landing.....	do	507	Dec. 29	0	1	1		0	1	0
St. Telephore.....	do	1,307	Jan. 12	0	7		7	0	1	0
Waltham and Bryson.....	Pontiac.....	361	Feb. 13	0	1		1	0	1	

a Last case occurred February 13; date of last report, March 25.

b Last house disinfected on April 5.

Respectfully, yours,
Secretary Board of Health of the Province of Quebec.

ELZÉAR PELLETIER,

COLOMBIA.

Sanitary report from Bocas del Toro—Description of the city.

BOCAS DEL TORO, April 10, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to submit report for the week ended Saturday, April 8, 1899.

The following vessels have cleared for the United States during the week: Steamship *Colombia*, Berg, master, 511 tons, 17 crew, for Mobile; steamship *Baracoa*, Wolden, master, 484 tons, 17 crew, for Mobile; steamship *Iberia*, Jacobsen, master, 302 tons, 15 crew, for Galveston. All these vessels were in good sanitary condition and supplied with certificates.

The health of Bocas del Toro and of the adjacent country is good. There are few if any cases of sickness in the town at present. Local physicians assure me that for some time past the town and country have enjoyed an unusual freedom from malarial fever and enteric troubles, the most common disorders of the country.

Bocas del Toro lies on a point of land on the southeastern extremity of Columbus Island, a member of a group which lies about the entrance to the Chiriqui Lagoon. The island is separated from the mainland on the west by a body of water leading into Almirante Bay. To the east lies Provision Island, there being a small island between the two called Careening Cay. The entrance to the harbor, which affords good anchorage to vessels of large draft, runs between Careening Cay and Provision Island. The town following the shore line is built on the water's edge, and faces the north and east, being exposed to the full sweep of the prevailing northeast wind. The principal houses are built directly over the water. The ground behind the town is low and swampy and often flooded by the tide. There is a tide of 2½ feet, which runs with a strong current every twenty-four hours. Sewage and offal from the houses on the water front goes directly into the water; the excreta and garbage